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A clay vein is an irregular fracture of the coal seam, extending from the top to the bottom of the seam, sometimes vertical and at other times sloping, from an inch to several feet in width, filled with clay and stone from above. A spar is a partial fracture of the coal seam, one that does not extend to the bottom of the seam, filled with the same material as a clay vein. A fault exists where there is

an imperfect joining of the coal strata, the seam having been broken, leaving one section of it higher or lower than the other. Gas in bituminous coal mines is usually coming into the mine from the overlying strata after the coal has been removed, or distributed generally throughout the coal seam and seeping up through the pores of the coal to the face of the workings. It is supposed to the effect that gas is not found, as is sometimes thought, secreted in pockets or reservoirs in the solid coal. Sometimes a clay vein proves to be a barrier to the passage of gas, and the gas has to pass through the clay. The gas of gas through the coal, becoming a natural wall through which the gas cannot pass. This depends on the

thickness and stability of the clayey material, and the nature of the strata. In most of the bluntnosed regions the seam is undercut with machines at the bottom of the seam, for a distance of five or six feet, and above this a shot hole is drilled about the same distance in advance of the drift. In the bluntnosed, by means of which the coal is blasted down. The theory of Little is that if a bore hole be kept three feet in advance of the face of the work, or three feet in advance of any drift, the drift will fall away. In, it will perforate any clay vein, which may be holding back quantities of gas before a blast is fired which will fracture it and thus release the gas and warn the miners of its presence. The drift will fall away by the shot hole. Under the evidence offered the practical value of the bore hole as an added element of safety to the miners is not certain. There is evi-

There is evidence that some of the evidence described above as being clay veins will be denuded by the bore hole when otherwise it would not be discovered until released by a blast shot hole. There is other evidence showing that clay veins are present in the zone behind clay veins may be discovered in other ways almost as certainly as by the use of the bore hole, the evidence showing that in approaching clay veins the clay is "unruly" that is, the cleavages of the coal become curled or twisted out of their natural bearings. There is evidence showing also that the clay veins are not always of the same nature as elsewhere, sometimes being harder than in other places, and often is characterized by the presence of additional sulphur. These conditions

it was a serious matter because the use of dynamite in the mines was admitted by many of the witnesses that miners not observing closely may reach a clay vein without noticing the indications mentioned. The use of shot alone for the general use of emulsions or flammable powder in gaseous mines throughout the bituminous region greatly reduces the danger of explosions of gas in blasting down the coal. A summing up of the evidence presented in the report amounts to the statement that in the bituminous coal regions under conditions there existing, the use of the bore hole is not an added element of safety, in other words, in other cases, in other localities under the conditions that exist there, it is an added element of safety, into which

In the Royal mine three parallel entries were being driven into the solid coal. These entries in that field could be termed "narrow workings," as distinguished from pillar and rib work. At the time of the every claim in this mine, the mine was being worked in the mine every day. The coal was being under-run, and blasted down by the use of shot holes, but no bore holes were maintained. The testimony of the mine inspectors is that he saw no evidence of any mining activity, he found no clay veins, spurs or faults at the face of these entries. But upon that testimony, or upon other testimony to the same effect, cannot be said that there are any faults that are clay veins, spurs, or faults.

will be encountered as the entries are pressed forward. And it cannot be said that these entries as they are proceeded with are places where there is no room for a "spare" or "contingency" as assumed by counsel for the defendant. It may be that the very thought which the legislature had in mind in requiring bore holes to be maintained in "entries and other narrow places" was that clay veins, spars or faults might be encountered at any time as the work advanced into the undeveloped coal and that for that reason the greatest precautions for the safety of the miners should be taken. It may be, for other reasons, or suggested by anybody in connection with this case, which impelled the legislature to adopt this provision of the

The most the evidence shows is that there is a difference of opinion between the majority and the dissenters of the Legislature who voted in favor of the rule under consideration, as to the elements of safety to flow from the adoption and enforcement of the rule. But that difference of opinion, when we recognize that in all the evidence offered, is not sufficient, and the merits of the objections are not so pronounced, as to warrant the court in holding that the requirement of the rule is so unreasonable and useless as to take effect out of the legitimate exercise by the Legislature of the police power of the state, on the ground that the rule is not germane to the objects of the act. The act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, is "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employ-

ed in and about the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, and for their protection and preservation of property connected therewith." Rule 18 of Article XXV certainly is genuine, and must be said to have a real and substantial relation, to the purposes of the act. The only legitimate question that can be raised under the evidence is as to its efficacy.

Looking at the matter in this light, we think it is reasonable to conclude that this statute was valid by the Supreme Court, relative to the "Full Crew Act" of June 19, 1911, P. L. 1053, in *Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. Ewing*, 241 Pa. 818. Under the evidence, there is no admitted fact that the statute was enacted as to whether the statute is or was necessary; but it cannot be said that it is so unreasonable as to justify the court in adjudging that it is an over-extended exercise of power over and beyond the powers which evidently the State Legislature used in view. It is a means employed by the State to accomplish an object which is held to be proper to accomplish, and such means, even if deemed unwise, are not to be condemned or disregarded by the courts, if they have a real relation to

the Legislature, which threatened the right of equity to the aid of the court in the enforcement of the provisions of such a statute where the purpose of the Legislature as declared therein is accomplished within the police power of this State, it means thereby provided for for securing the aid of the court from the statute to bear a substantial relation to the end to be accomplished," although one of the contentions urged upon the court relative to the question of the propriety of the statute in its application to the case at hand, in that it was not limited to the benefit of railroad companies, employees or passengers," which called forth from the court the statement first above quoted from the opinion of the court. From the cases of *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy N. R. Co. v. Road Company v. McDevitt*, 218 U. S. 548, the court said: "The scope of judicial inquiry in deciding the ques-

that power is not to be conferred upon the Legislature, and that the question is involving with the matter of policy. Whether the enactment is wise or unwise, whether it is based upon sound economic theory, whether it is the best way to achieve the desired result, whether or not the Legislature has discretion within its prescribed limits should be exercised in a particular manner, are matters for the judgment of the Legislature, and the courts are not to be concerned with it. It is not sufficient to bring them within the range of judicial cognizance" in *Commonwealth v. Plymouth Coal Company*, 232 Pa. 141. It was held that the Legislature of the Anthracite Mining Act of June 1, 1911, § 178, which provides that "It shall be obligatory on the owners of adjoining coal properties to leave, or

mine should be left a pillar or wall of sufficient width, along the line of adjoining property, of such width, that taken in connection with the pillar to be left by the adjoining property owner, will be sufficient to support the weight of the roadway or other mine above the pillar, and the other should be abandoned and allowed to fill with water, such width of pillar to be determined by the engineers of the adjoining property. The width of the pillar on the property of the district in which the mine is situated, was a valid exercise of the police power of the state, and was not in conflict with constitutional right, and that the mine owner was not entitled to be working his mine until the width of such a boundary pillar or the absence of the necessity for one should be determined by the mine inspector and

though the entire defense, on the merits, was a denial of the necessity for such a barred pillar. It was held there that under the act the mine inspector and the engineering council had authority to determine in what cases no boundary pillars need be left. But there is no contention that by the rule now under consideration any authority is taken from anybody to declare in any case that more holes need not be drilled.

The declared purpose of the act of June 5, 1911, P. L. 756, as published in this title, as clearly shown by the policy of the act, is that the act is for the purpose which extends to all regulations affecting the health, good order, morals, peace and safety of society, includes those which are reasonably necessary

Article XXV of the Act, it is apparent that it has a real and substantial relation to such safety. That being true, the rule being a valid exercise of the power of the Legislature, and the provisions of the enactment were a matter for the judgment of the Legislature, and not for decision by the courts. The fact that coal mining companies affected by the rule must make additional expenditures in order to comply with the provisions, alleged a defendant's counsel, is a matter not material in the consideration of the case. The amount of expense was for the consideration of the Legislature alone in enacting the rule. The rule should be enacted. "Uncompensated labor" is a regulation enacted for the public welfare or safety, under

the police power of the state is not taking property without due compensation. The court said that it is an established principle that a regulation is not deemed an abuse of authority. *International Brotherhood of Teamsters v. Elving*, 241 Pa. 161, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975

being in a matter so humane and properly related to the purposes of the act, and that the rule, therefore, is valid, and is binding upon all persons coming within its provisions, and on the basis of this case, the court has previously affirmed the validity of the legality of the decision of the mine inspector of the ninth "bituminous" mining district of Pennsylvania, in holding that the rule must be complied with in its execution, the decision of the mine inspector is sustained.

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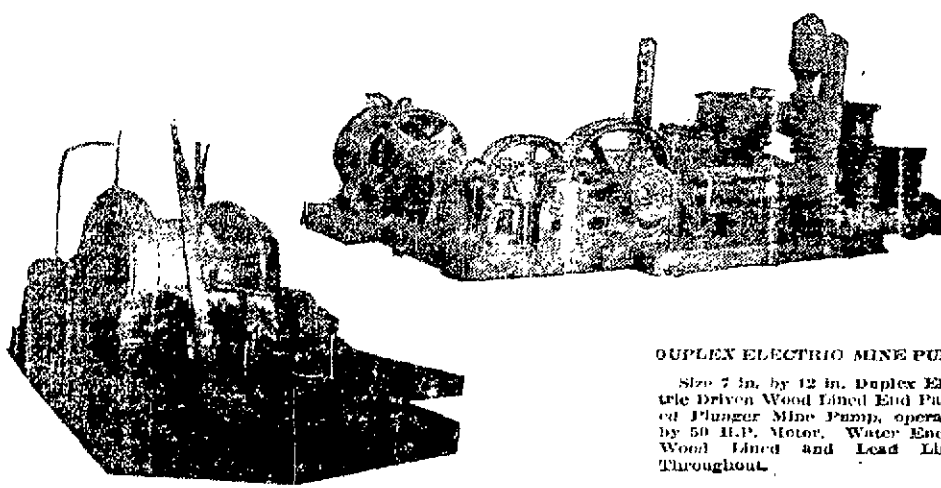
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Fire Sweeps Over Hills to the East of Conneltsville.

## GARBAGE PLANT IS IN DANGER

Men Battle for Hours to Check the Blaze; Many Houses in Path, But Fire Does Little Damage; Down-pour Puts Temporary End to Fire.

One of the most serious mountain fires in years swept over the hills east of town on Saturday night and endangered many homes. Men fought constantly to check the flames, or to keep them away from buildings, and were successful, although for a time it seemed certain that the plant of the Conneltsville Garbage Company would be destroyed. The home of Jerry King, near the garbage plant, was also menaced. The summer home of J. L. Stader and W. F. Solson, beyond the McCoy spring, however, was threatened, as were the cluster of homes on the Springfield pike, above the Zacharias farm.

Another fire raged on the hills around Sherbondy's hollow and it was feared that they might reach the buildings on the James and Jackson farms, but reports from the mountains are that both of these places escaped damage.

The fire started Friday night and burned all day Saturday. Not until the mountain storm fanned them on Saturday evening did they become dangerous. Throughout Saturday night and for a time on Sunday it seemed that nothing could check them. The fire carried burning embers and flying sparks for hundreds of feet, lighting new patches of dried leaves and underbrush each time. The employees of the garbage furnace worked until 6 o'clock Sunday morning until danger to the plant was removed. At one time sparks landed on the stable, but the fire was quickly smothered by watchful guards.

The fire burned with a crackle and roar that could be heard above the din of the mountain gale. It spread with incredible quickness. Backfiring was attempted, and was partially successful. The blaze finally burned itself out, and the smoldering embers were smothered by last night's rain.

From the higher portions of town it was possible to see the mountain flames. The sight was awesome. Two big hills were apparently a mass of flames, one on each side of the Springfield pike. Residents of the vicinity had little sleep on Saturday night.

Forest fires were reported elsewhere in the section. At Dawson, several automobile loads of firefighters went to St. James Park to combat flames which were sweeping through the woods in that vicinity. It was feared for a time that the fire might reach the handsome home of Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran, but these proved groundless.

The rain of last night and this morning has probably put an end to danger from forest fires for a while, so to come. Rain is badly needed in the mountains, which are dryer than for years. Old residents declare that the drought this fall has been more severe than at any time within their recollection.

The straining of the guy wires on a small post at the corner of South Alley and Pittsburg street caused it to snap off. On North Pittsburg street several awnings were torn loose yesterday afternoon a plate glass window in the Aaron furniture store on North Pittsburg street was broken. Just how it happened is not known, but it is believed that boys who were in the doorway had as much to do with it as the wind.

The whirls of the wind had a habit of collecting paper and other debris in the spot. The Baptist Church lawn was strewn with this litter and on Main street the pavement in front of the First National Bank was covered with it.

## SURPRISE AT DAWSON

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biddle Entertain for Their Daughter.

An enjoyable surprise party was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biddle near Dawson in honor of the eighteenth birthday of their daughter, Sammie. Various games were played and at 11:30 o'clock luncheon was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Henson and son Howard, West Newton, Mrs. C. E. Sullenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kelly and family, of St. James Park; Misses Mary and Lena McGinnis, Clara Koffer, Rosie Newell, Mary Zwanitz, Alice Colort, Mary Cunningham, Pearl Bates, Nannie and Iona Biddle, all of near Dawson; Miss Blaise Dillinger, Tippecanoe; Miss Levenos, Stillwagon; Broad Ford; Misses Mabel and Ida Harbaugh and Gladys Newell of Vanderbilt; Jay McKnight, Clarence and Wilbur Koffer, George and Paul Luckey, Clifford Cunningham, Wilbur Stucke, Robert and Harry Cochran, James and Leroy McKnight, Frank and Joel Koffer, Warren Shallenberger, William Landenberger, Albert Stimmler, Joseph Zwanitz, Emmet Newell, all of near Dawson; Fred Manfice, Mifflensburg.

Church is Organized. Members of the Conneltsville Church in Greenwood met Saturday in the church and formed an organization by electing Roger Mills, Tony Renicks, Smith Parkhill and Edward Kerr, deacons, and Carl and Freeman Murphy, elders. Twenty-one members were received.

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## PEACH STREET HOME ROBBED; BURGLARS DISPLAY NERVE

They Enter Room Where J. D. Percy is Sleeping and Take \$10 in Cash.

A bold robbery was committed Sunday between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock at the home of J. D. Percy on West Peach street. Soon after the members of his family left for church Mr. Percy retired and as he slept his home was entered and the thief after ransacking several rooms made his escape with more than \$10. The discovery of the robbery was made by Mrs. Percy on her return home from church. The cupboard and refrigerator doors were found open and a pair of Mr. Percy's trousers and an empty pocketbook were found on the table. The trunks were secured on a bedroom and the indications are that the thief was after money only, as a number of trunks in the refrigerator were left untouched. An entrance was effected by unlocking the front door. Members of the family who returned home from church before Mrs. Percy found the door unlocked, thought the robbery had already been reported to the police. Officer Gekker made a thorough investigation, but as yet there has been no clue to the identity of the thief.

## FAYETTE INCLUDED

Foot and Mouth Disease Quarantine Extended to This County.

A new order of general quarantine to stamp out the foot and mouth disease in cattle has been adopted by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and will be effective immediately. Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland counties are now under the ban, together with Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Greene, Indiana, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Leominster, Mercer, Mifflin, Montgomery, Monroe, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Venango, Washington and York.

No cattle, sheep or swine may be moved in or out of the counties except on official permit for immediate slaughter, no public sales are permitted, and it is forbidden to move them over the public roads, on railroads, except on special permission in writing from the agent of the Live Stock Sanitary Board expressly authorized to give such permits.

## NEW SEWER DROPS

Street Department to Cure for Fairview Avenue Sewer Drainage.

In order to take care of the surface drainage on Fairview avenue, three new sewer drops will be installed by the street department at various points along that thoroughfare. An effort will be made to complete the work before the hard weather sets in. They are now on the spot and work is ready to begin.

For years past Fairview avenue has been in bad shape because the sewer lines were not able to take care of all of the water, especially in winter when melting snow caused the water to run down the gutters and collect in hollows in the street. At the intersection of Thaw avenue where water sweeps out from the hillside, the collection of slush at times made the street almost impassable and drivers who were unable to pass threatened to sue the city for damages. The new drops are expected to take all of this water into the sewers and remove a nuisance of several years' standing.

## NO BRICKS FOR PAVING

Completion of Ashman Avenue Held Up by Lack of Material.

The completion of the Ashman avenue paving is being held up by the failure of the last consignment of bricks to arrive. A space of about 50 yards remains to be bricked, a here-to-for the work has been going on for some time. The bricks have not arrived, an extension of time will likely be allowed. Ashman avenue is the extreme end of West Main street, which is now paved from its end to its west line.

The Ashman avenue job has brought forth many favorable comments. It is considered one of the best in the city and in connection with Main avenue, which was paved under the same contract, it constitutes a real improvement.

The two jobs cost approximately \$11,000 and the date set for the completion was December 1, but since the bricks have not arrived, an extension of time will likely be allowed.

## TO CONTEST WILL

Supposedly Poor Woman Left \$5,000 to Family Who Cared for Her.

That the will of Jane Harden, who died at Fairview on November 7, leaving \$5,000 to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCann, who had cared for her for the last two years, will be contested is the indication now. Upton Harden, who claims to be a relative of the dead woman, having filed a caveat to prevent the will from being probated. Jane Harden was little more than a tramp until the McCanns took her some years ago. They cared for her as one of their family, though she seemed penniless. When she died on November 7 she left her estate to her benefactors and it was discovered that she had \$5,000 in cash in a bank. All of this, with the exception of money deducted for a modest funeral, was willed to the McCanns.

The will was filed for probate Monday.

## NEW PHONE DIRECTORY.

Tri-State Issues New Volume After Several Years.

New Tri-State telephone directories of Conneltsville, Uniontown, Brownsburg and other places are being distributed throughout the city. The new book has been brought up-to-date and includes names not included in the previous directory, which was issued several years ago.

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Human Interest Gossip Worth The Telling.

One wouldn't generally look into a saloon for a temperance sermon, but the most substantial offer that has yet come for the benefit of unfortunate who want to take the "home cure" and haven't the nerve to pay for it has come from a hotel man. He has made a standing offer that he will subscribe as much as all the other hotel men combined, except a fund which will enable drunkards to pay for it to be administered to those who haven't the nerve themselves, and whose relatives cannot afford it.

Speaking of the hotel man, two of the men who first took the latest treatment around here spent Thanksgiving Day in a local barroom. They were employed as decorators. Both worked around the hotel, but without so much as acquiring a thirst. These who have been eagerly awaiting news that some of the patients have "backslid" haven't gained any satisfaction so far. Although the virtues of the treatment only claim that it cleanses the system of alcohol and that the future conduct of patients depends entirely upon their own efforts, it has been shown in all of the treatments made here.

Some persons declare it a fallacy to contend that a first-class hotel cannot be operated at a profit unless there are proceeds from the bar to help back up the other revenue. They view it as they talked to one of the leading hotel men of town.

This man runs a first-class hotel. More often than not he turns guests away, yet with his rooms filled virtually all of the time he finds that the income does not meet the outlay. If the barroom receipts are not considered.

Discussing the local option agitation, hotel men insist that if the bars are ever legislated out of business all the first-class hotels in the city will be European plan in the dining room, which means that the most men sold for 50 cents cannot be duplicated for several times that amount. The high cost of living in this city, and the fact that other diners out, is still at the mercy of King Alcohol.

Is the tempo destined to die a natural death?

This question arises from the comment that dancing has lost the vogue it enjoyed last winter. The High School Alumni Association's Thanksgiving dance has been a success. Last year more than 200 couples attended; this year less than 40 were on the floor.

Dancing was probably never more popular here than a year ago. Everybody was doing it. Now, apparently, nobody does. The reason seems to be that disciples of the modern Terpsichore must constantly learn new steps. For those who do not know the steps, the effort has been made to master the Castle Walk and the steps that were popular of old as the Tango wasn't so difficult and the first Terpsichorean could be learned in a few days.

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Notice the water lately?

Complaint is made that it tastes bad, especially at night. Some of the best of the water company says it has been necessary, because of the drought, to use more than the usual quality of alum and lime at the filtration plant. The water of the city is not what it used to be. Conneltsville is paying the price of Sumner's industrial development. Sulphur water is coming down the river in large quantities.

The Conneltsville, for instance, is polluted with sulphur. It is a white sulphur and hasn't the red stain that identifies sulphur water in this section. Although the water is not so bad as the Conneltsville still has the appearance of a pure, clear stream, there are no longer fish in it, and residents along its banks declare the sulphur from Sumner is doing it. The water has been estimated by the city engineers.

All this brings to mind the fact that Conneltsville, while its water supply is abundant, no longer boasts of the purity of its water. The water is not what it used to be. Conneltsville is paying the price of Sumner's industrial development. Sulphur water is coming down the river in large quantities.

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## \$100,000,000 WAR TAX IS NOW BEING COLLECTED IN U. S.

Pittsburg is Notrest Point That Stamps May be Obtained.

## PHONE TALK NO LONGER CHEAP

One Cent Tax Imposed on Messages.

Coding 15 Cents or More; Moving Picture Houses Must Come Across or Close Up; Freight Bills Taxed.

The Democratic war tax went into full force and effect Monday. Deputy Revenue Collector John Irwin brought it forcibly to mind by announcing that revenue stamps may be obtained from Internal Revenue Collector C. G. Lowery at Pittsburg. The impression was made at the post-office, and the understanding is that postoffice handles them elsewhere, but Western Pennsylvania victims of the tax must go to Pittsburg for their supply.

Few things have been overlooked and the tax will fall on a great number of people. This time it falls on the people more generally than during the war tax, when the country really had a war, following the affair with Spain in 1898. There was a tax on freight on that occasion, but the railroads paid it. Under the Democratic "war" tax, the collector must furnish the revenue stamps.

Short bills of lading must carry a 1-cent stamp. Telegrams and telephone messages which cost 15 cents or more must also carry a 1-cent stamp.

Stamp and Pullman tickets are also taxed, according to their cost. Commercial papers of all kinds are included, as are perfume, cosmetics, chewing gum and similar articles.

Patrons of picture houses are also taxed, according to the cost of the ticket. The tax is 1 cent for tickets costing less than 25 cents, and 2 cents for tickets costing 25 cents or more. The tax is 1 cent for tickets costing less than 25 cents, and 2 cents for tickets costing 25 cents or more.

Another of the parents and teachers meetings will be held at the Third ward school building Friday evening. Electric lights have been placed in the room and everything is being fixed so that the parents may be comfortably entertained. The principal of this building, Charles E. Fausch, will give a talk on "The Parents May Help the Teacher." Rev. Barclay Foster of the Reformed Church, will speak on "How to Have Good School." Superintendent S. L. Stevens will speak on "What a Teacher Can Do for the Child." This program will occupy about an hour and will be held at 7:30 p. m. and will be a most interesting and helpful program.

Following this comes the social hour and refreshments will be served by the girls of room No. 3. A question box will open for the parents and will answer all questions that come before and that may be asked by the parents. There are 550 students in this building and a good turnout is expected.

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## SCOTSDALE

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 1.—The rehearsal for the comedy, "Next Door," which will be given by local talent for the benefit of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Scottish Theatre, on December 8 and 9, are coming along nicely. The play is in four acts. Act 1, "The Rose Garden"; Act 2, "Captain Skinner's Lawn"; Act 3, and 4, "Captain Skinner's Library."

The cast of characters include the following well known local people: Captain Olinthia Skinner, William J. Canlin, George A. Richmond, Mrs. Canlin, Charles A. Leavelle, Nellie Richmond, George's bride, Lorna Atwood; Nellie Huntington, a friend, Gertrude Reed; Richard Hamilton, Nellie Huntington's lover, Robert Morrison; Cornelia "Nellie" Skinner, the captain's maid sister, Ethel Kromer; Ferdinand Lighthelm, who introduces for a wife, Louis Wootton, the maid, Edith Patton.

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## BURNS ARE FATAL

Mill Run Baby Dies in Hospital Following Accident.

Burns suffered Friday resulted in the death of Gladys Mae, the 2-year-old daughter of A. J. and Emma B. Hamilton of near Mill Run, Sunday at the Cottage State Hospital. Her clothing ignited from an open grate at the Hamilton home about two miles west of Mill Run and in an effort to save her, the mother suffered painful burns of the hands.

Before the flames could be extinguished the child's body was badly burned and later pneumonia developed. She was brought to the hospital Saturday night. The body after being prepared for burial by funeral director J. E. Sims was removed to the home of Irwin Rittenon on Cottage avenue. The funeral will take place from the United Brethren Church at Northville tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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## PICK POCKET WORSTED.

Uniontown Woman Knocks Down Man Who Stole Her Pocketbook.

Surprised a pickpocket who tried to steal her purse, Mrs. Frank M. Miller of Uniontown, knocked the man down with a blow in the face and then chased him for some distance. Surprised by the woman's nerve, the man picked himself up and ran, disappearing down a side street.

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